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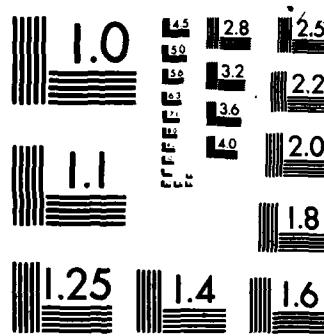
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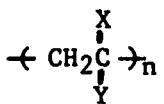
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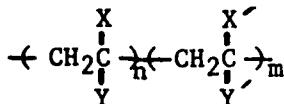
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INTRODUCTION

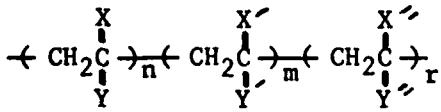
It was the goal of this research to investigate the relationship between the chemical structure of polymers and the properties which would result in a new generation of lithographic resists for electron-beam and X-ray lithography. Thus, the synthesis of a variety of vinyl homopolymers, copolymers and terpolymers was undertaken where quaternary centers were present along the polymer backbone. These quaternary centers were the sight of chain scissions that occurred on irradiation (γ -ray, X-ray and electron-beam exposure) thereby leading to positive resist behavior. In addition to varying the chemical structures at the quaternary center (i.e. groups X and Y below) and making the novel polymers, we also undertook to purify and characterize the polymers, to fractionate the polymers into specific molecular weight range fractions, to determine the fundamental radiation sensitivity of the polymers (i.e. establish their G_s and G_x values), and to characterize these polymers as lithographic resists by evaluating their sensitivity and, when possible, their dry etch characteristics (i.e. plasma etch resistance).



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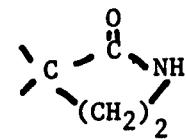
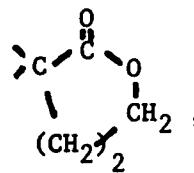
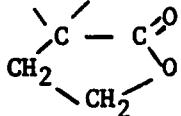
copolymer



terpolymer

During the course of the contract we prepared a very large number of homopolymers, copolymers and terpolymers where X and Y were chemical functions

such as: -CN, -COOCH₃, -Cl, -Br, -F, -CF₃, -COOCH₂CCl₃, -COOCH₂CN, -COOCH(CF₃)₂, -COOCH₂CF₃.



and CH₃.

These syntheses included the preparation of monomers never yet prepared.

After preparing the polymers, their radiation degradation behavior was studies using ⁶⁰Co γ -irradiation. Dose versus molecular weight measurements (\bar{M}_n , \bar{M}_w) were used to determine G_s and G_x . The G_s and G_x data was elucidated as a function of chemical structure (i.e. X and Y) and for copolymer composition (i.e. as a function of the monomer-1 and monomer-2 composition of the copolymer). Copolymers and terpolymer solubilities were studied because some homopolymers, particularly those containing -CN groups, were only soluble in nitrile containing solvents (or they were insoluble). The electron-beam sensitivities of several systems were established by determining the electron-beam doses which would permit wet development of the irradiated areas down to a SiO₂-coated Si wafer surface. Finally, dry processing characteristics were evaluated in some cases. CF₄/O₂ plasmas were employed in order to establish the absolute etch rates and etch rates relative to SiO₂ and relative to poly(methyl methacrylate).

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